



SAN BRUNO CITY COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

MINUTES

May 25, 2004

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT:

The San Bruno City Council met in regular session, at the San Bruno Senior Center 1555 Crystal Springs Road and the meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Franzella thanked the **San Bruno Garden Club** for providing the beautiful floral arrangement.

ROLL CALL:

Presiding was Mayor Franzella and also present were Councilmembers Pallas, Ruane, Ibarra and Vice Mayor O'Connell with City Clerk Simon recording.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Assistant City Manager Steve Rogers.

PRESENTATION:

Vice Mayor and Chair of the Beautification Task Force, Irene O'Connell presented highlights of the **"Operation Clean Sweep"** event that was held May 1st. Recognition of volunteers and sponsors was made and a brief video that was produced by Cable TV was shown. Special recognition was given to San Bruno Garbage Company, Artichoke Joes Casino, Kelly Moore Paint, San Bruno Auto Center, Martin Regis/San Bruno Associates, City staff members, Beautification Task Force members, and San Bruno Cable TV. New this year, was the painting of 33 garbage cans on San Mateo Avenue and clean up of the Caltrain right away. The **Mayor** thanked Vice Mayor O'Connell for the super results on this great event.

Mayor Franzella acknowledged these special guests in the audience: Supervisor Nevin, South City Councilmember Gonzales, and Burlingame Councilmember Galligan.

ANNOUNCEMENT:

64th Annual Posy Parade sponsored by the San Bruno Lions Club will be held Sunday June 6th. This year's theme is "Recycle Me."

2. REVIEW OF AGENDA: No changes were made.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: For the regular meeting of May 11, 2004. Approved as submitted.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR:

- a. Approve: Payroll** of May 7, 2004
- b. Approve: Accounts Payable** of May 3, 2004. (Council Packets only, copy is available for review at the City Clerk's office)
- c. Accept: Reconciliation of General Ledger** to Bank reports and the **Investment** reports dated April 30, 2004, as submitted by City Treasurer Karen Hornung.
- d. Adopt: Waive second reading and introduce for adoption, Ordinance No. 1692** of the City of San Bruno repealing Section 2.C. of Ordinance No. 1647 (Water Rates, Charges, and Fees) and Section 2. VII of ordinance No. 1648 (Wastewater Rates, Charges, and Fees) establishing provision of reduced rates for low-income customers.

Councilmember Pallas pulled item 4.c for discussion.

M/S O’Connell/Ruane to approve the remainder of the consent calendar, passed unanimously.

Item 4c: Councilmember Pallas noted the investment balance has increased from \$17,000,000 to \$20,000,000 during the last two months and asked Finance Director O’Leary to explain this apparent good news. Director O’Leary said the cash balances have risen; however, our cash flow is not consistent since funds come in at different times. April is property tax money and we received RDA tax increment money and Aircraft Noise reimbursement of \$1,200,000.

M/S Pallas/Ruane to approved item 4/c. passed by unanimous vote.

5. PUBLIC HEARINGS: (Notices have been published, posted, and mailed.)

Resolution to amend Personnel Rules and Regulations as adopted by resolution 1958-148, as amended, **revising and updating job titles and descriptions.** Being updated are: Principal Civil Engineer, Deputy Public Works Director, Administration and Engineering (City Engineer), Assistant Engineer/Associate Civil Engineer, Parks and Recreation Services Director, and Maintenance Services Manager Series.

Mayor Franzella explained that these changes came about due to the consolidation of departments and other personnel changes and no new positions are being established.

Councilmember Ibarra asked why it’s not required to be a licensed engineer for two of the job titles?

Assistant City Manager Rogers explained there is additional 5% incentives pay if someone is a licensed civil engineer; and only the City engineer must have a license upon hire.

Mayor Franzella opened the public hearing and requested that anyone wishing to address the City Council on this matter do so now. No one wished to speak.

M/S Pallas/Ruane to close the public hearing and it passed unanimously.

Councilmember Ruane introduced the resolution for adoption, passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- a. Resolution approving the Draft Transportation Expenditure Plan for the **extension of Measure A.**

This item was previously presented to the San Bruno City Council at the February 24, 2004 Council meeting. **Vice Mayor O’Connell** requested to know what changes have been made to the draft expenditure plan since it was last presented to the City Council?

San Mateo County Supervisor Mike Nevin asked for Council approval. After 40 public hearings, many minor changes have been made to accommodate all Cities. Transportation goes beyond City boundaries and this plan is desperately needed. There is an increase in the amount the Cities will receive and for San Bruno that means another \$17 million dollars. Limits were placed on funding for BART and Ferry services.

Alice Barnes, Belle Air Residents for Truth (BART), said her organization supports this expenditure plan especially since there are funds for grade separation. The “Baby Bullitt” is coming next week and we must be very careful when crossing the railroad tracks.

Rose Urbach, Euclid Ave., does not want any deaths but does not want any grade separation either. Has lived near railroad tracks all her life and its what the people do such as watch and observe the rules, which makes a difference. Grade separation is a waste of money.

Norma Elias, Crestmoor Dr., asked if the grade separations would take place in other busy intersections such as Redwood City? It is not a good thing for San Bruno.

Doris Maez, Fleetwood Dr., urged the Council to adopt the resolution. Measure A has done a great deal to reduce traffic congestion and upgrade Caltrain. We can’t afford to go back to gridlock.

Howard Goode Manager of Samtrans handed out new schedules for the Caltrain Baby Bullitt routes. He said all Cities are eligible for grade separations including Redwood City.

Vice Mayor O'Connell said there were changes to the monies earmarked for the Ferries and BART.

Mr. Goode said that only 2% of the proceeds could be used for BART and the Ferry Systems. These are matching funding amounts only. Regional Measure 2 (bridge toll increases) will be the other match. The other change was an increase in funding for the Cities from 20 to 22 percents of proceeds.

Councilmember Ruane introduced the resolution for adoption, passed by the following majority vote: Ayes, Franzella, Ruane, O'Connell, and Ibarra; and, No Pallas.

- b. Mayor Franzella and Councilmember Pallas** have met to determine the proper format for having a public dialogue concerning the use of Chloramines or any other **disinfectants in our water supply**. Council discussion and consensus is being requested.

Mayor Franzella reported that he and **Councilmember Pallas** do not agree on the format to discuss this issue. He would like the Bay Area Water Users Group to provide this information. Our water supply meets all guidelines and we maintain a Web Site link for information. The Department of Public Health should handle these issues, to merely bring speakers to a Council meeting without knowing their credentials is not a proper forum this is a business meeting of the City of San Bruno.

Councilmember Pallas stated we must inform the people and if we bring someone with the proper qualifications to the Council Meeting the people will get more information.

Councilmember Ibarra said this issue is much bigger than just San Bruno, it's a State and Federal issue, and is presently being studied. These comments are scaring people but have not been proven.

Vice Mayor O'Connell said we've had the experts at our Council meeting. There are over 7,000 Web sites with information on Chloramines. This came about because of a Federal law, which we must follow. The facts are: Denver Colorado has been using this disinfectant since 1917 with no problem. Portland Oregon has used for 50 years with no problems. Twenty-six million people have chloramine in their water and no serious problems have been reported. People should go to the doctor if they have concerns.

Councilmember Ruane said if this really is an issue it is regional and must be addressed by the water user authorities.

Councilmember Pallas said the City of San Bruno passed a resolution opposing the use of MTBE a while back so we can take local action.

Norma Elias, Crestmoor Dr., displayed her bamboo plant. The leaves are turning green again. She lived in Denver and does not recall drinking Chloramine. The San Francisco treatment plant is in San Bruno and how do they get the Chlorine and Ammonia into the water?

Robert Reichel, 7th Ave., asked if we received no water from San Francisco, how could we supply a 100% of the City's needs?

Rose Urbach, Euclid Ave., said the Council has a responsibility to report to the people and not keep secrets. Some reports said Chloramine effects pipes; this is a question that has not been answered.

Mayor Franzella stated that there are no secrets being kept and if Mrs. Urbach has information she should bring it out in the open.

Doris Maez, Fleetwood Dr., said the issue of Chloramine and Chorine has been around for years. Chorine doesn't stay in the water and Chloramine will stay in the water as required by law. As far as people drinking bottled water, that is just a great marketing plan.

Nancy Gilbertson, Blaine Pl., Redwood City, appreciates having a debate because Redwood City will not. She has a grandson and is worried that lead will be carried into the drinking water.

Alice Barnes of San Bruno Residents for Truth (BART) wanted to know what Mr. Pallas would recommend in place of chloramine. Mr. Pallas said lead is being formed in the water and that is not possible. She contacted her doctor because she has had a heart attack and asked if the water is ok to drink and the doctor said yes. Since San Bruno has added Chloramine she has not have any problems.

Councilmember Pallas stated he did not explain the lead problem properly. It is the solder on the copper pipes that has the lead in it.

Councilmember Ruane asked Public Works Director Munns if the City is continuing to test the water supply for lead and copper.

Mr. Munns reported yes and that there has been no report of any detection of lead in the water supply.

Vice Mayor O'Connell said that Mr. Ira Ruskin is Chair of the Bay Area Water Users Group, which meets once a month in Foster City and the public, is welcomed to attend.

Councilmember Ibarra said if he receives calls from residents he would listen and bring the experts to them. No action was taken on Councilmember Pallas's request.

7. CALL FOR, PRESENTATION OF BIDS, and AWARD OF CONTRACTS: None

8. COMMUNICATIONS: None

9. STAFF REPORTS: None

10. REPORT OF CITY ATTORNEY - RESOLUTIONS & ORDINANCES: None

11. PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS NOT ON AGENDA:

Robert Riechel of 7th Avenue said he was speaking for many residents and had learned that Deputy Public Works Director Jerry Bradshaw will be leaving San Bruno to become Director of Public Works for the City of El Cerrito. He wanted the record to show how Jerry Bradshaw was responsible from many improvements in San Bruno and his neighbors want to thank him for all his hard work.

Rose Urbach of Euclid Avenue wants to know when the Council Chambers would be returned to City Hall? She believes more people would attend the meetings if the Chambers were returned to City Hall. She also said the Council Meeting table skirts are black and it makes the place look like a funeral.

Alice Barnes of 5th Avenue invited everyone to come to the Belle Air School Open House. The police are enforcing the seat belt rules. If Councilmember Pallas tells everyone to stop drinking our water, will that impact our revenues? Jerry Bradshaw has been very beneficial to this community. He has work very diligently on grade separations and improvements to the existing crossings near downtown. He has saved many people from injury and possible death, thank you Jerry.

12. REPORT OF COMMISSIONS, BOARDS, & COMMITTEES:

Clerk Simon requests Council consider appointment of citizen representative to the **San Mateo County Mosquito Abatement District Board of Trustees**.

M/S Ruane/Ibarra, to appoint Mr. Robert Riechel, passed with a unanimous vote.

Mayor Franzella directed City Clerk Simon to notify the District.

13. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. City Manager Jackson recommends City Council take a formal position opposing **Senate Bill 744** by Dunn regarding housing, planning, and land decisions; and **Assembly Bill 2702** by Steinberg regarding 2nd units being permitted by "use of right". **Mayor Franzella** reviewed both bill and state they reduce land use authority by local governments. City Manager Jackson stated that the League of California Cities and CCAG have also opposed these bills.

M/S Ibarra/Ruane, to have the Mayor send a letter apposing these bills, passed with a unanimous vote.

- b. **Closed Session** requested by Assistant City Manager Rogers **regarding labor negotiations** with the San Bruno Police Officers Association and San Bruno Public Safety Mid-Management bargaining units (Gov't Code Section 54957.8). **Assistant City Manager Rogers** said there would be no reportable action. The Council is merely being briefed on the status of negotiations thus far.

14. ADJOURNMENT:

With no further business to transact the meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm, to the regular City Council meeting on June 8, 2004, at 7:00 pm, located at the San Bruno Senior Center, 1555 Crystal Springs Road.

The foregoing minutes were approved by the San Bruno City Council at a regular meeting held on June 8, 2004.

Respectfully submitted for approval,

Ed Simon, City Clerk

Larry Franzella, Mayor